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SUBJECT: ANTI-NORTH KOREAN PROPAGANDA

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1. ANTI-NORTH PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN (REFTEL) CONTINUED WITH FEB 21 MASS PROTEST RALLY IN SEOUL TO DEMAND RELEASE OF CAPTURED FISHERMEN. PRESS REPORTS PARTICIPATION OF ONE MILLION. A MORE REALISTIC ESTIMATE WOULD BE 300,000. RALLY WAS HELD IN SEOUL'S CHANG CHUN PARK AND WAS SPONSORED BY SEOUL CHAPTER OF KOREAN ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE. MAJORITY OF PARTICIPANTS WERE ORGANIZED GROUPS FROM SCHOOLS, FACTORIES, AND SEOUL WARDS. MOOD OF CROWD WAS RELAXED, IN CONTRAST TO EMOTIONAL ANTI-NORTH RHETORIC OF SPEECHES.

2. SPEAKERS AT RALLY INCLUDED CHAIRMAN SEOUL ANIT-COMMUNIST LEAGUE HO PAEK, NDP ASSEMBLYWOMAN KIM YUN-TOK, YUCHONGHOE ASSEMBLYMAN YI TO-SON AND
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TWO STUDENT LEADERS. LANGUAGE USED AGAINST NORTH

AND KIM IL-SUNG STRONGEST OF PRESENT CAMPAIGN,
ESPECIALLY ON PART OF YI TO-SAN WHO CALLED KIM IL-SUNG
A MURDERER, TRAITOR AND WAR CRIMINAL.

3. AFTER RALLY DECLARATION WAS ISSUED CALLING
FOR APOLOGY BY KIM IL-SUNG, IMMEDIATE RETURN OF
CAPTURED FISHERMEN AND END TO NORTHERN PROVOCATIONS;
RESOLUTION ALSO URGED ROKG TO CRUSH ANY FUTURE
PROVOCATIONS AND PLEDGED UNITY OF SEOUL'S SIX
MILLION CITIZENS TO SPIRIT OF ANTI-COMMUNISM.

4. ALL FEB 21 AFTERNOON PAPERS GAVE EXTENSIVE
FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO RALLY.

5. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, PRIME MINISTER, IN
ADDRESS AT ROTC COMMISSIONING CEREMONY, CHARGED
THAT COMMUNISTS HAD REJECTED PRESIDENT PARK'S
PROPOSAL FOR NON-AGGRESSION AGREEMENT, HAD
COMMITTED "BARBAROUS ACTS" AGAINST FISHING BOATS
AND ARE CARRYING OUT VICIOUS PROPAGANDA TO
OVERTHROW ROKG.

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